

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicant: Haviv Toledano

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For: A Flexible Annular Stapler for
Closed Surgery of Hollow Organs

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AMENDMENT BEFORE CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel all the claims presently on file and substitute therefore the new set of claims 56-72 enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

- (1) Claims 61-72 are same to previous claims 44-55, allowed by U.S patent office action mailed 18 August 2006.
- (2) Claims 56, 58 and 59 correspond to previously amended claims 41(amended), 42 (amended) and 43 (amended) that were not entered by the Examiner because of raising new issues requiring further consideration.
- (3) Depending claims 57 and 60 were added in view of a better protection of claims 56 and 58.
- (4) In view of the examination of claims 56-61, the Examiner is respectfully asked to consider applicant's explanations in previous applicant's "Response under 37 CFR 1.116" mailed 18 October 2006.

Respectfully submitted


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